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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7103

BILL NUMBER: SB 480

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Inmate Health Care Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Skinner

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for civil immunity of certain individuals providing health care services to inmates of county jails or state correctional facilities under certain circumstances.

The bill also authorizes state and local governmental units to disburse funds to a medical office or hospital that provides health care services to inmates. It requires the funds to be used by the medical office or hospital to purchase professional liability insurance.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would allow county jails and state correctional facilities to disburse funds for professional liability insurance to medical offices and hospitals that provide health care services to inmates. The bill would permit an increase in expenditures for both state and local governments. The amount of the expenditure would depend on state and local administrative action.

The bill does not require a specific amount or percentage for disbursement. Thus, the amount disbursed may be equal to any or all of the total cost for the liability insurance. Any increases in expenditures are dependent on (1) the number of jails and correctional facilities that choose to disburse funds for this purpose and (2) the amount of funds that they choose to disburse.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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